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Mosquito & Wetland  
Management District

Plymouth County Mosquito  
Control Project

Suffolk County Mosquito  
Control Project

## Meeting minutes of the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (SRB)

**Date:** Tuesday, July 12, 2016

**Time:** 10:00 AM

**Location:** Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources

251 Causeway Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02114

### **Attendance:**

#### **Board and MDAR Staff:**

Alisha Bouchard, Dept. of Agricultural Resources (DAR), Chair (representing Commissioner LeBeaux), Gary Gonyea, Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP), Member (representing Commissioner Suuberg), Jim Straub, Dept. of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), Member (representing Commissioner Roy) Jessica Burgess, Legal Counsel; Jennifer Forman Orth, Environmental Biologist; Taryn LaScola, Director of Crop & Pest Services

### **Guests:**

Mary Duggan, Superintendent, Northeast Mass. Mosquito & Wetlands Management District

### **Agenda:**

1. **Start:** Call to Order and attendance by Alisha Bouchard at 10:00am. All SRB members were present, so there was a quorum.
2. **Approval of Meeting Minutes (Vote Required):** The SRB considered approval for the meeting minutes from the May 18, 2016 meeting.

**Motion:** Gary Gonyea made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with minor corrections (date change). The motion was seconded by Jim Straub and the minutes were unanimously voted for approval.

3. **Sherwood Greens Road Improvement and Maintenance District (Vote Required):** Jessica Burgess outlined the issue at hand (Chris Horton, Superintendent of the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project, was not able to be present):
- The Sherwood Green Road Improvement and Maintenance District (SGRIMD) contacted Berkshire County Mosquito Control to request mosquito control services, following a vote of approval at their annual meeting. SGRIMD is located within the town of Becket, which left the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project several years ago. The District has no residential areas within (no homes).
  - The 1945 legislation that created the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project refers to cities and towns comprising the County of Berkshire. The SGRIMD was created within the town of Becket in 1997 (with a small addition to the area added in 2006). Because of this, it was not initially clear whether the SGRIMD would be eligible to join the Project.
  - Legal Counsel for SGRIMD determined that since the legislation that created the Berkshire County Mosquito Control District was enacted before there were any entities in the county other than cities and towns, it was meant to apply to the entire county, including any Districts, and therefore would apply to SGRIMD.
  - Services provided to SGRIMD will include mapping, surveillance, treatment of larvae and adult mosquitoes, source reduction, and maintenance of waterways, for a total of \$1800/yr.
  - If the SRB votes to approve, the fee will be assessed annually, to be renewed annually. MDAR's financial staff will assist in setting up the account, which will be funded by a voluntary contribution to a trust account.
  - Jessica indicated that while no contract is needed, Chris had provided a management plan to SGRIMD.
  - Alisha Bouchard requested that Chris provide a map of SGRIMD for inclusion in the SRB map of all project areas. Gary requested a copy of the legislation that created the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project be sent to all SRB members. There was also some discussion regarding the need for the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project Commissioners to approve this change to the Project area.

**Motion:** Jim Straub made a motion to approve Sherwood Greens Road Improvement and Maintenance District joining the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project, provided that a map of the District area is submitted to the SRB and that the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project Commissioners review and approve this addition to the Project's area at their next meeting, to be held within the next 60 days. This vote is subject to the understanding that SGRIMD has determined that it has the legal authority to join the Berkshire County Mosquito Control Project. The motion was seconded by Gary and the SRB voted unanimously to approve the motion. Jessica Burgess will inform Chris Horton and the legal counsel of SGRIMD.

#### 4. **Public Comment Period**

- With Mary Duggan, the Superintendent of Northeast Mass. Mosquito & Wetlands Management District (NEMMWMD) present, Alisha asked for an update on the NEMMWMD's current \$469,000 rollover. Mary noted that they are in the process of purchasing 3 trucks, possibly 4, and that they are also working on procuring a rack body that will cost approximately \$200,000.
  - Alisha also asked Mary about salary increases, etc.
  - Gary asked about arbovirus updates, Jenn spoke about the recent WNV+ mosquito pools found in the city of Worcester.
5. **Next Board Meeting:** The next SRB meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2016, at Cape Cod Community College in West Barnstable, MA.
6. **Adjournment:** A motion was made and the SRB voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 10:48am.